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DATE: December 22, 2008

RE: Important Changes in Drug Submission Procedures

Effective January 6, 2009, please deliver all drug seizures to Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory in Sudbury for analysis. Due to an increasing backlog of drug submissions awaiting testing at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Massachusetts State Police Forensic Services Group (MSP FSG) has agreed to assist by accepting new drug cases from your jurisdiction on a temporary basis. We will evaluate this arrangement periodically to determine its efficacy in reducing the backlog and meeting law enforcement needs.

Your town was selected for implementation of this procedural modification based on its close proximity to the Sudbury facility. If you have questions or concerns regarding this change in policy, please feel free to contact me at 617.983.6651 or julianne.nassif@state.ma.us

Drug submission policies are somewhat different as the State Police Crime Laboratory, so please refer to the detailed guidelines provided in the attached memorandum from Major James M. Connolly, Commanding Forensic Services Group for assistance.